Judges. The permanent vacancies arose on 17-10-87, and 21.10.87, while the vacancies of Additional Judges arose on 26.11.82 & 29.11.82.

(b) Appointment of Judges in High Courts involves deliberation and consultation with the concerned constitutional authorities. It is not possible to indicate a definite time by when the vacancies in Andhra Pradesh High Court would be filled up.

Ban on overtime allowance in Government Departments

1606. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to impose a ban on overtime allowance in Government departments in view of the drought situation prevailing in the country; and

(b) if so, by when it is proposed to be implemented.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Government have accepted the recommendations of the IV Pay Commission's Report that overtime allowance may be discontinued. The modalities for implementing the decision are being worked out.

Instruction against use of Loud speaker in community centre

1607. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to issue any guidelines to NDMC refraining the use of loudspeakers in marriages arranged in the Community Centres in Laxmibai Nagar, New Delhi; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Orders/guidelines already exist. The use of loudspeakers in any public place in the Union Territory of Delhi is regulated under the Union Territory of Delhi Loudspeakers (Licensing and Controlling) Regulations, 1980.

Seizure of weapons by IPKF

1608. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Peace Keeping Force in Sri Lanka seized large quantity of sophisticated weapons from the LTTE in Jaffna recently;

(b) if so, whether IPKF have identified the sources of receiving of weapons by the LTTE in the recent past; and

(c) whether any steps have been taken in this regard

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) Since the commencement of operations in Sri Lanka, the IPKF has recovered a large quantity of weapons, ammunition and explosives from the LTTE in Jaffna.

(b) The LTTE appear to have procured weapons from the clandestine international arms bazaar.

(c) Constant surveillance of the coast line in the Northern and Eastern Provinces of Sri Lanka is benig maintained.

Passport office at Srinagar

1609. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a passport office had been set up in Srinagar; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to shift the passport office to Jammu during the winter?